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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT: DEVELOPMENTS MARCH 29/30

REF: SANTIAGO 2265

1. AD HOC MILITARY PROSECUTOR GENERAL HECTOR OROZCO MARCH 29
INTERROGATED MICHAEL TOWNLEY DURING APPROXIMATELY TEN HOURS IN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. OROZCO DEPARTED THE BUILDING AT 2130
HOURS, POLITELY REFUSING TO GIVE ANY DETAILS TO NEWSMEN. TOWNLEY
WAS NOT SEEN LEAVING THE BUILDING, CAUSING SPECULATION THAT HE
HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER PREVENTIVE ARREST. REPORTEDLY THE QUESTIONING
BEFORE OROZCO WILL CONTINUE TODAY.

2. MEANWHILE, THE GOC PLEADED FOR MODERATION IN THE MEDIA TREATMENT
OF THE LATELIER CASE. NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS
MAJOR HUGO MORALES, DECLARED MARCH 29 THAT THE MEDIA'S "NATURAL
EAGERNESS" TO INFORM ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE HAD LED TO A
SERIOUS DISTORTION OF THE TRUTHS, CONFUSING PUBLIC OPINION
AND AIDING CHILE'S ENEMIES IN FURTHER DAMAGING THE COUNTRY'S
IMAGE. ORALES ADDED THAT THE GOC DESIRED A PROMPT END TO THE
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INVESTIGATION AND FOR THE CASE TO BE CLEARED UP, BUT AS THIS WAS
A JUDICIAL MATTER, THE MEDIA SHOULD ACT WITH DUE RESTRAINT.

3. THE SANTIAGO PRESS PICKED UP U.S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY PROPPER'S
RETURN TO CHILE MARCH 29. THE EMBASSY ISSUED A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING
PROPPER'S ARRIVAL AND NOTED THAT HIS RETURN FOLLOWED GOC ASSURANCES
THAT BOTH TOWNLEY AND ARMANDO FERNANDEZ WOULD PRESENT THEMSELVES

BEFORE JUDGE JUANA GONZALEZ BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

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